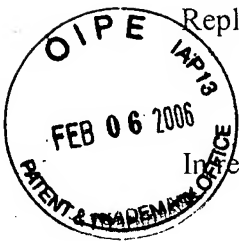


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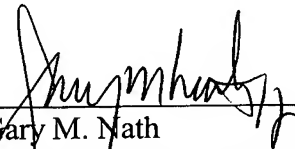
- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
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This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 21, 2005. The three month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire February 21, 2006, which makes this a timely filed response.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.